

LOCAL FUND AND MUNICIPAL.

Subject No. 82
Condition of Malnad
roads.

Summary of discussion.—The roads throughout the Malnad are almost impassable for wheel-traffic during the monsoon. They require seasonable repairs and better supervision. The more important of them may be transferred to the Provincial Funds or the maintenance grant in their case increased by a grant of contribution from those funds. The Chikmagalur-Yedahalli, the Kottigehar-Kalasa and the Santaveri roads are in a bad condition.

Reply of Government.—Additional allotments are being given as far as possible. Large sums of money have been spent upon Malnad roads and special attention is being given to their maintenance.

Subject No. 83
Foot-paths and
wooden bridges for
village traffic.

Summary of discussion.—To facilitate traffic between villages, arrangements are necessary for opening out foot-paths and constructing bridges of wooden piles across hallas. Works of this kind have not been done in the Kadur district.

Reply of Government.—Such purely local works must be carried out by District Fund Boards.

Subject No. 84
Midwives to be
taught vaccination.

Summary of discussion.—Midwives attached to hospitals may be taught vaccination so as to enable them to vaccinate gosha ladies.

Reply of Government.—This will be done as far as possible.

Subject No. 85
Appointment of
compounders.

Summary of discussion.—Compounders employed in the Local Fund dispensaries are as a rule illiterate and do not understand the prescriptions given them. Passed candidates should be appointed to such posts, subject to approval by the members of the Local Fund Boards.

Reply of Government.—Salaries have recently been raised and as far as possible literate men are being appointed as compounders.

Subject No. 86
Revenue from garden
lands within
Municipal limits.

Summary of discussion.—The Land Revenue derived from garden lands within Municipal limits of Closepet and other places should be credited to Municipal Funds.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 87
Octroi on piece
goods in Municipal
Towns.

Summary of discussion.—In villages near Municipal towns piece goods are sold on a large scale to the prejudice of the Municipal Revenue. The levy of octroi on piece goods sold in villages seems therefore desirable. It should be extended to all parts of the State.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 88
Non-official Local
Fund Member for
each Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the District Fund Board there must be a non-official member for each taluk as otherwise the requirements of every taluk cannot be properly represented.

Reply of Government.—There is provision for this in the draft Regulation now under the consideration of Government.

Summary of discussion.—The Members of the Taluk Municipal Boards may be authorized to select and grant sites for the construction of houses. At present, references have to be made to the Deputy Commissioner and his orders awaited.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration in connection with the draft Municipal Regulation now before Government.

Summary of discussion.—Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to establish minor municipalities in small towns even in the absence of the consent of the inhabitants concerned.

Reply of Government.—The consent of a large body will be sufficient. This is provided for in the draft Regulation.

Summary of discussion.—300 houses with a population of 1,000 may be accepted as sufficient for the purpose.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Summary of discussion.—Free licenses are issued for making building materials from trees growing in one's own land for one's own use. But when these materials are brought into Municipal towns octroi is levied. This is hard and should be remitted.

Reply of Government.—This tax is levied in large Municipalities on all timber brought for use therein. Government see no reason to interfere.

Summary of discussion.—Local cess realizations from Inam villages should be spent on works of utility in those villages themselves.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

REVENUE.

Summary of discussion.—(a) Hittals or backyards and compounds of houses in villages have been heavily assessed. It is absolutely necessary that agriculturists should have a piece of land attached to their houses for the purpose of drying and thrashing their crops and of storing their grain and stacking their straw, fodder and firewood. Such piece of land may therefore be exempted from taxation. This is different from "vacant sites" which are liable to the payment of assessment under the rules. The assessment on these should not exceed the highest dry rate, and where it is heavier it should be reduced with effect from this year.

(b) Only lands in excess of the requirements of the raiyats may be taxed at dry rates and confirmed to the present holders.

Subject No. 89

Grant of building sites by Municipal Members.

Subject No. 90

(a) Constitution of Minor Municipalities.

(b) Formation of Municipalities in large villages.

Subject No. 91

Remission of Octroi on building materials brought from private lands.

Subject No. 92

Local Fund of each Inam village to be separate.

Subject No. 93

Kandayam on hittals and vacant sites.